

have a very dangerous tendency : to prevent which, *Be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that no person or persons from and after the passing of this act, on any pretence whatsoever, shall immediately ride or strain any horse or mare in or through the said town, or any of the streets thereof, on penalty of forfeiting and paying the sum five shillings for each and every offence ; to be recovered by warrant under the hand and seal of any Justice of the Peace of the said county.

XI. *And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that from and after the passing of this act, the inhabitants of the town of Hallsborough are hereby required to meet at the court-house in the said town on the first *Tuesday* in *September* in every year, then and there to choose five commissioners for the said town ; which shall be elected by ballot, under the inspection of two persons, to be chose by the freeholders of said town for that purpose.

XII. *And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that as soon as these elected are qualified to proceed on business, that the former commissioners are hereby required to give up what money remains in their hands of the town taxes and render an account of their proceedings to the new commissioners ; and the commissioners for said town, from and after the passing of this act, are required to keep the town common open for the benefit of the town.

XIII. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that the sixth, seventh, and fifteenth sections of an act, intituled, *An act to amend an act, for establishing a town on the land formerly granted to William Churton, lying on the north side the river Edisto, in the county of Orange,* passed at *Newbern* the third day of *November*, one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, shall be and remain in full force and virtue. p. 47.

CHAP. XX. *An act for incorporating the president and trustees of Liberty Hall, in the county of Mecklenburg.*

WHEREAS the proper education of youth in this infant country is highly necessary, and would answer the most valuable and beneficial purposes to this state, and the good people thereof ; and whereas a very promising experiment hath been made at a seminary in the county of *Mecklenburg*, and a number of youths there taught have made great advancements in the knowledge of the learned languages, and in the rudiments of the arts and sciences, in the course of a regular and finished education, which they have since completed at various colleges in distant parts of *America* ; and whereas the seminary aforesaid, and the several teachers who have successfully taught and presided therein, have hitherto been almost wholly supported by private subscriptions : in order therefore that the said subscriptions and other gratuities may be legally possessed and duly applied, and the said seminary, by the name of *Liberty Hall*, may become more extensively and generally useful, for the encouragement of liberal knowledge in languages, arts and sciences, and for diffusing the great advantages of education upon more liberal, easy, and generous terms ;

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and by the authority of the same,* that the said seminary shall be, and it is hereby declared to be an Academy, by the name of *Liberty Hall*.

III. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that *Isaac Alexander*, president, and Mess. *Thomas Polk, Thomas Neil, Abraham Alexander, Waightsill Avery, Ephraim Brevard, David Caldwell, James Edmonds, John Simpson, Thomas Ross, Adlai Osborn, Samuel McCorkle, John McKitt Alexander, Thomas McCall, and James Hall*, be, and they are hereby formed and incorporated into a body politic and corporate, by the name of president and trustees of *Liberty Hall*, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal ; and that they the said president and trustees, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall be able and capable in law to take, demand, receive and possess, all monies, goods and chattels, that shall be given them for the use of the said Academy, and the same apply according to the will of the donors ; and by gift, purchase or devise, to take, have, receive, possess, enjoy and retain, to them and their successors for ever, any lands, rents, tenements and hereditaments, of what kind, nature, or quality soever the same may be, in special trust and confidence that the same, or the profits thereof, shall be applied to and for the uses and purposes of establishing and endowing the said Academy of *Liberty Hall*, in the county of *Mecklenburg*, building or purchasing suitable and convenient houses for the same, providing a philosophical apparatus and public library, and supporting and paying salaries to the president, and such number of professors and tutors thereof, as shall be necessary to instruct the students, and they shall be able to pay out of the public funds that shall be in their hands.

IV. *And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that the said president and trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to bargain, sell, grant, demise, alien or dispose of, and convey and assure to the purchasers, any such lands, rents, tenements or hereditaments aforesaid, when the condition of the grant to them, or the will of the deviser, does not forbid it. And further, that they the said president and trustees, and their successors, for ever, or a majority of them, shall be able and capable in law, by the name aforesaid, to sue and implead, be sued and impleaded, answer and be answered, in all courts of record whatsoever.

V. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that the said president and trustees be, and they are hereby empowered, authorized and required, to convene at the town of *Charlotte* on the third *Tuesday* of *October* next after passing this act, and then and there elect and constitute, by commission in writing under their hands, and sealed with the common seal of the corporation, such and so many professors or tutors as they may think expedient ; and then and there, and at all other times for ever hereafter, when the said president and trustees, their successors, or a majority of them, shall be convened and met together in the said county of *Mecklenburg*, they shall have full power and